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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at the Hartford Branch

February 8, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Gordon W. Tasker. Trustees present were: Mesdames Jorgensen and Kronholm, and Messrs. Macdonald, McCormick, Nielsen, Stroh, Tasker and Taylor. Messrs. Kozloski, Lupton, and Waller joined the meeting at a later time.

Also present were: President Gant, Vice Presidents Evans, Patterson, and Wilson. All actions taken at the meeting were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present except as noted in Item 1, page 5099.

1. President Gant informed the Board that he had met with Senators Rome and Truex to acquaint them with the Board's action of January 18, 1973, relative to the proposed bill - "To provide Greater Administrative Flexibility in the Operation of the Health Center." President Gant reported that since hearings would be scheduled for the end of this month, a redraft of this bill should be readied by February 12th if the Board wanted further legislative consideration of the matter. The Board's special meeting had been called to meet this prescribed deadline.

President Gant distributed copies of a redraft of the previous proposal for discussion by the Trustees. In response to Trustee questions, President Gant and Dr. Patterson commented on the potential advantages and disadvantages to be anticipated if enabling legislation was approved and permitted the Health Center to be a private non-profit non-stock corporation for the purpose of providing programs of education, research and patient care in the field of health.

During the discussion, Mr. Stroh questioned the impact of authority upon the Board in relation to Trustee qualifications to exercise this authority. Mr. Taylor cautioned the Board that the proposal might become the initial step toward the isolation of the Health Center.

Comments on timing, prompted Mrs. Jorgensen to urge immediate and supportive action by the Trustees if the proposal is to receive favorable legislative reaction.

Noting other reservations by Mr. McCormick and Mr. Nielsen, Chairman Tasker observed that the administration's proposal, with suggested changes, proposed enabling legislation not to be put into effect until the Board was satisfied it was ready for such operation.

Mr. Nielsen stressed the understanding that the proposal was enabling legislation only which would come back to the Board for implementation with the right of implementation to be reserved for the Board.

After a final review of suggested changes in the proposed act, on Mr. Lupton's motion, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the administration to submit the proposal, indicating that it is Board approved enabling legislation and further that the Board is willing to appear in support of the proposed legislation.

Trustees Jorgensen, Kozloski, Kronholm, Lupton, McCormick, Nielsen, Tasker, and Waller registered in favor of the motion.

Trustees Stroh and Taylor opposed the action.

Trustee Macdonald abstained.

Attached is a copy of the final proposal which was submitted by President Gant after it had been reviewed by the Legislative Commissioners' Office.

2. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize Chairman Tasker to appoint, up to four trustees as a subcommittee of the Board to work with the administration in carrying out the intent and wishes of the Board on this legislative matter and to report back to the Board.
3. President Gant informed the Trustees that the latest cost estimates for the emergency lighting project, previously approved by the Board, exceeded by far the anticipated costs. Discussions with Commissioner Carlson are underway and the Trustees may expect a detailed report at a later date.
4. Mrs. Jorgensen indicated that the date (March 12) of the Commission for Higher Education meeting with the Board had been changed. Trustees may expect further word on the new date.
5. President Gant commented briefly on University relations with the Center for the Environment and Man.

6. Mr. Evans reviewed recent developments relating to the disposition of the Bracken property. In view of these developments, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize Mr. Evans to proceed with his efforts to exercise the University's original option rights.
7. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl W. Nielsen
Secretary